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SUBJECT: EGYPT ELECTIONS WORKING GROUP, STEP ONE REACHING
OUT TO US NGOS

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Key issues: -- Egypt's 2010 parliamentary and 2011 presidential elections come at a time of increased scrutiny following other high-prc

2. (C) Egypt faces three elections over the next 24 months. Recent events in Iran and Afghanistan have added to the scrutiny these elections w

3. (C) Embassy Cairo held its first Elections Working Group (EWG) on September 15. This group draws from key members of the Country Team and i

4. (SBU) The Embassy has already begun to reach out to key partners. In a September 15 discussion hosted by the Ambassador, the country direct

5. (SBU) In a discussion about programming priorities in the lead-up to the 2010 parliamentary elections, NDI country director Lila Jafaar rev